

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LEHMAN MARK E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/28/2004**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP**

**NEW YORK, NY 10179**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/30/2004**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/28/2004		G	V	1,000	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S		45,954	D	\$ 102.1
Common Stock					100	I	By Custodian For Child
Common Stock					29,764	I	By Trust



## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) conversion or exercise price of derivative security is \$0.00
- (2) Deferral of compensation and credit to Reporting Person's Account (as of 12/28/04) pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

The stock options and CAP Units were granted to the Reporting Person. On 11/17/04, the Reporting Person transferred the economic benefit of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units to his wife pursuant to a Property Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to the Property Settlement Agreement, the Reporting Person is deemed to hold 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units for the benefit of his wife. The Reporting Person's wife is entitled to 1/2 of the shares issued upon exercise of the stock options and vesting of the CAP Units and may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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